# HE HERALD'S PAGE FOR EVERY WOMAN

## NATURE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Affords the Highest Form of Development.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX. CONTINUED PROM YESTERDAY)

in the village of Pairhope, Ala, across the bay from Mobile, is a little school that is often called a reform school-not to reform the children, but to reform the methods of teaching.

There is a kindergarten for children inder seven years of age doing the us-ual kindergarten work, but no dictation, nor close work, nor "finished" work for

exhibition is permitted.
Children from seven to thirteen years of age constitute the life class, where they simply live as happy and wholesome a life as possible.

In the first division of the life class the children under ten use no books, ex-cept us they themselves desire to learn to read. Instead of the formal work of reading and writing and number, the pretty songs, adapted to their year, for the pleasure of singing, not to be able to read music or write music. They of-ten act out or dramatize some song or nen ack out or dramatize some song or poem. Many poems are committed by the children not as a task, but by hear-ing the teacher recite the same poem a number of times. They have exercises in fundamental conceptions of number daily.

Experience in growing plants is given every child. Plots of ground are laid out in which every child may plant what he chooses and cultivate it in his own way, with the pasistance of the teache and the presence and activity of his fellows to stimulate his perseverance. A well-equipped manual training department affords employment for both boys

ment affords employment for both boys and girls as soon as they are old enough to use the tools.

The older division of the life classfrom ten to thirteen years of age—continue the activities and experiences of the younger group, but they come gradually to books.

This school legan with eight pupils. It now has 125.

Such nature schools should be established all over the land, and no little child under ten should ever be sent into a school where the use of books is timerative. Any child who studies nature under wise teachers until ten san begins then to tearn his letters will stand as high as others of his age when he reaches the high school period. And his health and powers of concentration will exceed the average. Experiment and see.

CHAPTER III.

Trouble at Scratch Hill.

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"You say your father was a friend of the old general's?" said Bladen.

"Years ago, in the North—yes," answered Murrell.

Murrell regarded the lawyer in silence for a moment out of his deeply sunk eyes.

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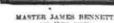
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MASTER JAMES BENNETT, MASTER DONALD B. EDMONSTON age eight mouths.

## FIRST FOUR ENTRIES IN BABY CONTEST YESTERDAY WERE HANDSOME TOTS

### TO-MORROW'S MENU; HOW TO PREPARE IT

BREAKFAST Cantaloupe. liver and bacon. Rice muffins, Coffee.

LUNCHEON. Chill verdi. Cheese sandwiches. Sliced oranges. Almond cakes.

Cream of beet soup.

Rice and oyster loaf.

Stuffed lasked potatoes.

Creamed carrots.

Lettuce saind. Hot crackers.

Children's delight.

Whill verdi-Cut fine six large peppers

Rice and ovater loaf-Line a casserole with boiled rice, reasoned well with sait, pepper, and butter. Chop one pint of systems cooked in their own liquor until the edges curl and season as desired Moisten well with the owner liquer and a little iomato cataup and fill into the lined dish. Britan over the top with melted batter, set into the oven to brown and serve very hot, garnishing if wished with rings of hard-botted eggs.

Children's delight-A very healthful

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ern, set upon a plateau of fern, and ied with a huge wired bow of soft white ibbon. Ends of the ribbon extend to

ribbon. Ends of the ribbon extend to such place, where it is fastaned down by a francy box containing a square of wedding cake. This box is made of white satin and tied with a pretty rosette bow of ribbon.

Clusters of ribbon are used for dinner favors at each lady's place and worn as a corange decoration. These are made to correspond with the color scheme and decorations of the table. Ribbon flowers for corange decorations, hat trimmings, and trimmings for evening gowns are very popular. They are not hard to make and find a ready sale.

Giffa Made of Ribbon.

## FREE COOKING SCHOOL Lectures at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Fourth floor. THE MENU TO-DAY.

THE BUSY CORNER

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Every housekeeper wants a new rug for reliting the house in the fall, or if you are a new housekeeper, assembling fresh, new household chattels, of course you must have handsome rugs to go with the pretty new furniture. Business men might also find this a good time to buy a new rug for the office. Buy them here-prices speak for themselves.

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Perfect rugs-florals and Orien-tals. Sizes 9x12 ft, and 84x10 4 ft. Woven very compact, Attractive de-signs. Sizes 9x12 ft.

## **BORDEN'S BABY CONTEST**

In order to enter your child in the great Borden's Baby Beauty Contest under the auspices of THE WASHINGTON HERALD, fill out this entry blank. Name

Address.....

Age ......Sex ..... Parents' address ......

All Babies entered must be under three years of age. Paste this entry on back of photograph by which Baby is to be judged. Read particulars on another page of this issue. Address photo to Borden's Baby Contest, The Washington Herald, Washington,

hat trimmings, and trimmings for evening gowns are very popular. They are not hard to make and find a ready sale of Ribbon.

Hags of all descriptions, vell cases, handkerchief cases, sachets, glove boxes, and coffure decorations are all salably or make beautiful gifts for the bride, Christmas, or birthday.

From one yard of twelve-inch ribbon a charming slipper bag can be made. Double the ribbon and sew it together

## THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

By VAUGHAN KESTER

CHAPTER III.

Going to See Horn for the Free Rain Coat.

"You say your father was a friend of the old general's?" said Bladen.
"Years ago, in the North-yes," answered Murrell, and the same statement out of his deeply sunk of a moment out of his deeply sunk."

"You say your father was a friend sight of a little group in his own door-yard. Saving only Uncle Sammy Bellamy, the group resolved itself into the women and chikiren of the hill, but there was one small figure he missed. The patrick hurried toward him, leaning on his

arch harried toward him, leaning on his cane.

They've took your navvy, Bob," he cried in a high, thin voice.

"Who s took him?" asked Yancy hoarsely.

"Hit were Dave Blount, Get your gun, Bob, and go after him-kill the miserable, sneaking cuss," cried Uncle Sammy, "By the Fayetteville road, Bob, not ten minutes ago—you can cut him off at Ox Road Forks."

Yancy breathed a sigh of relief, A rifle was placed in Yancy's hands,
"Thank you-all kindly," said Yancy, and turning away he struck off through "Thank you-all kindly," said Yancy, and turning away he struck off through

